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The Fox and the Crow

Aesop

One sunny afternoon, a hungry Fox was walking through the park. His tummy growled. "I need something to eat," he said to himself.

Just then, he spotted a Crow perched on a tree branch. She had a big piece of cheese in her beak.

"That cheese looks delicious," thought the Fox. "But how can I get it?"

He looked up and called out, "Hello, beautiful Crow!"

The Crow glanced down but kept her beak tightly closed on the cheese.



"What lovely feathers you have!" exclaimed the Fox. "They're so shiny and black. You must be the most beautiful bird in the whole park!"

The Crow felt proud but stayed silent.

The Fox smiled and said, "I bet your voice is as lovely as your feathers. Would you sing a song for me?"

Feeling flattered, the Crow forgot about the cheese. She opened her beak wide and cawed loudly, "Caw! Caw!"

Just then, the cheese fell from her beak and landed right in front of the Fox.



"Thank you very much!" said the Fox, picking up the cheese.

The Crow realized she had been tricked. "Oh no! My cheese!" she cried.

The Fox looked up and said, "Next time, don't trust someone who flatters you just to get what they want." And with that, he trotted away, happily eating the cheese.



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